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EDITORS: NOTE CORRECTED PHONE NUMBERS FOR ALPINE AND VALLEY CENTER

BURNED LAND REQUIRES SPECIAL SEEDING

County Provides Free Special Seed Mix at Five Road Stations

Residents of burned-out areas in unincorporated communities of San Diego County are encouraged to sow with a special seed mix designed for erosion control. That mix is available at County road stations in Alpine, Julian, Lakeside, Ramona and Valley Center.

This seed mix has been specially blended and developed by the San Diego County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures, Watershed Management Program. The mix is adapted to San Diego inland valleys and foothills, contains no invasive species and is appropriate for the local climate in an average rainfall year. This seed is intended for areas that were landscaped, planted, tilled or otherwise altered. It is not intended for use in areas that were undisturbed native vegetation prior to the fire. Whenever possible it is best to allow native landscapes to re-grow from their own seeds and surviving roots.

The County is providing the seed, along with other erosion control devices, for free. Erosion experts are also on hand at the stations to provide assistance to property owners.

The addresses and phone numbers of the road stations are: Alpine, 2914 Tavern Road, **(619) 445-2314**; Ramona, 116 5th St., (760) 787-3312; Julian, 1524 North Highway, (760) 765-0636; Valley Center, 28565 Cole Grade Road, **(760) 749-0521**; and Lakeside, 13115 Willow Road, (619) 443-1258.

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